

Family Discussion Guide

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1. When has someone shared the Word of God with you when you were hurting or sad? Who could you share the Word of God with who is suffering in your life?
2. How has COVID-19 impacted your family?
3. The sermon told us about a person who had been suffering and said "Why did God take my friends and abandon me like this? I can't trust Him anymore. I'm outta here!" What would you tell this man about God to comfort him?
4. In the sermon, Pastor compared the problem of racism to an "elephant in the room." What does acknowledging the elephant of racism look like at school? At church? At work? On social media?
5. After we acknowledge the elephant of racism for ourselves, we are to look at its impact on others. Are you seeking out different perspectives on race? In conversations with others, books, videos?
6. What are some of your current afflictions or hard things you are dealing with in your life? Share these as a group and pray for one another.
7. Get out your Bible and read through 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4. Each time, replace the word "you" with the name of one family member included in this conversation. Use this as a reminder that God is working through us and sees all that we do for Him!

End this time of family engagement and discussion with this prayer:

Dear God, our world is afflicted. We see the effects of sin in our home, our community, and our world. When you came to this earth as a man, you saw it too. Thank you for living the perfect life I am unable to live. Thank you for taking the weight of my sin on yourself and dying on the cross to get rid of it forever. Help me to live each day in the joy of knowing that I am part of your family. Work through me to glorify you even through my struggles. Use me to turn other people to your truth and comfort when they are struggling with sin. In Jesus' name, Amen.